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In re Application of  
Ayache et al.  
Application No. 10/061,455  
Filed: February 4, 2002  
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**DECISION GRANTING  
PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition filed July 10, 2002, to establish that Figure 7 was part of the originally filed application.

On February 4, 2002, the application was filed.

The application was filed on February 4, 2002. On May 24, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of February 4, 2002, and advising applicants that Figure 7 described in the specification appeared to have been omitted.

Upon review of the record, Figure 7, deposited on February 4, 2002, has been located. Therefore the application was complete on filing.


In view of the above, the petition is **granted**.

The petition fee will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The Notice mailed May 24, 2002, was sent in error and is hereby vacated to the extent the Notice stated that Figure 7 was missing.

The Application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of February 4, 2002, using the application papers filed on February 4, 2002, including Figure 7.

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